

Ask Levy To Pave Western Ave.

Citizens Request Trustees To Act Under 1911 Law

Would Make Whole City General Assessment District to Be Taxed Over Period on Frontage Pasis

"The Torrance Progress club requests the board of trustees to institute legal proceedings for the creation of an assessment district in the entire city of Torrance for the paving of Western avenue."

This resolution was passed unanimously by a standing vote at Monday night's meeting of the new organization which has dedicated itself to the upbuilding of the city.

It was brought out at the meeting that the trustees, under the Improvement Act of 1911, may take the action as requested for an improvement which will benefit the entire community. A legal opinion from attorneys who specialize in such matters stated that such an action would be entirely legal.

In case the trustees take the action, which seems assured in view of the fact that 407 persons voted for the Western avenue paving bonds, the cost of the pavement will be assessed against the entire city, on a frontage basis. Owners of abutting property on Western avenue will, of course, be assessed most heavily—probably in the same proportions as was stipulated under the recently defeated bonding plan.

150 Are Present
The action of the Torrance Progress club, at a meeting at which 150 citizens were present, will receive due consideration from the board of trustees. Members of the board declared that they would accede to the will of the majority.

The Progress club adopted consti-

tution and by-laws Monday night—two documents unique in the history of the city. The constitution dedicates the organization to the upbuilding of Torrance and the exclusion by any legal means of oil development inside the present restricted district.

Under the by-laws officers will be elected annually. The election of officers and directors for the ensuing year will be held on Thursday night, Dec. 20, at the Methodist church.

Meeting Enthusiastic
Tremendous enthusiasm for the program of progress of the organization was evidenced Monday night.

Members declared that the organization is well on the road to a membership of 500 or 600. About 150 have already signed the declaration of principles of the organization. By the terms of the by-laws any citizen of Torrance, any person with property, vocational, business or professional interests in the city, is eligible for membership, provided he or she can subscribe to the tenets of the organization and is accepted for membership by the membership committee and the board of directors.

REV. ZELLER IS UNANIMOUSLY NAMED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Francis A. Zeller, pastor of the Central Evangelical church, was appointed by the board of trustees Tuesday afternoon to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. H. Nash.

The trustees were unanimous in their selection of the new member. Rev. Zeller in an interview with The Herald made the following statement:

"I have decided to accept the appointment to the Torrance board of trustees. I believe that the duties of such an office in no way conflict with my profession as a minister of the gospel.

"A trustee is a servant of the public. It is his duty to serve the people according to the best dictates of his conscience. Service to mankind is

one of the first principles of humanity. I welcome this opportunity to work for the people of Torrance.

"Christianity is right in principle. If it is right in principle, while religion in the sectarian sense should not enter into the affairs of the body politic, I see no reason why the broad and general principles of Christian service should be excluded.

"If ministers were expected only to preach and not attempt to apply to the problems of every-day life the teachings they espouse, then indeed would the ministry be a shallow profession.

"I take public office with a high sense of public duty, a sincere appreciation of the responsibility, and a determination to represent the people of Torrance as a good citizen can and should."

ANOTHER WET WELL AT PLAZA DEL AMO AND ARLINGTON IS EVIDENCE OF STRUCTURE EDGE

Another blow was dealt the district near the corner of Plaza del Amo and Arlington street in Torrance when Chanslor-Canfield's Torrance No. 20, offsetting the Mutual Consolidated No. 1, came in wet. Last Thursday the Mutual Consolidated well shattered some high hopes when it flowed salt water and oil. This well was drilled to 3800 feet, and

it was thought that it may have been drilled too deep. Chanslor-Canfield drilled No. 20 only to 3780 feet, however, and the well showed water just the same. A mud test was taken on Torrance No. 20 and the results indicate that there is formation water at 3750 feet. If subsequent tests check with the first one, the evidence will be convincing that the structure is pinching off to the north.

STANDARD OIL'S NEW PRODUCER DRAWS DEVELOPMENT EASTWARD

Drawn onward by production on Standard's Dominguez No. 1, which is flowing about 700 barrels a day of 19 gravity oil, operators this week swung into the eastern extension of the field with a spirited development. Chanslor-Canfield took the lead with four new derricks on the Kettler lease, bringing the Kettler total on this lease alone up to eight wells, which flank the north and west edges of the holding. One well is located in the center.

Standard itself staked out a location for Dominguez No. 2, 400 feet north of the new producer, and another for Interstate No. 1 on the Interstate lease near the Shady Nook tract.

E. J. Milley has purchased the north forty acres of the Sentinel's most easterly Joughlin lease and has

staked out a new location near the old Redondo road.

The Skeene Drilling company has located a new well near the corner of Andreo and the old Redondo road.

Meanwhile Sentinel is drilling ahead after two blowins on Joughlin No. 1. Shell's wildcat east of the new Standard producer is coring ahead with promising showings.

Standard's Dominguez No. 1 was completed at 3800 feet. There are 400 feet of 3-inch tubing in the hole. Production is through a 9-16-inch nipple with a tubing pressure of 130 pounds. Gravity of the oil is expected to increase somewhat. The well was brought in without swabbing, and the cleaning-out process has necessarily been slow.

However, in view of the large leaseholdings in the eastern extension,

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DEININGER IS COMMANDER, TORRANCE LEGION

Veterans Elect Post Adjutant to Highest Office

R. J. Deininger was elected post commander of the Bert S. Crossland post, American Legion, here Monday night.

Mr. Deininger, who is employed in the escrow department of the First National bank, served during the past year as post adjutant, and performed his duties so well that the legionnaires selected him to guide the affairs of the Torrance post.

Other officers elected are as follows:

First vice-commander, James Scott; second vice-commander, George Parr; post adjutant, Floyd Parker; post finance officer, H. F. Rees; sergeant-at-arms, Robert Craig.

Five members of the executive were selected. They are Wallace Post, Verne Babcock, Don Rader, Everett Malone and W. Partridge.

The Bert S. Crossland post has just completed one of the most successful years of its existence. The Fiesta of 1923, under the auspices of the legionnaires, was the most successful from all standpoints ever staged in Torrance. Legion hall has taken its place as the social center of the city and is now rented for entertainments and meetings far in advance.

Under its newly elected officers the post promises to keep the good work going and another banner year in Torrance Legion circles is ahead.

TRIPLE CRASH OF CARS KILLS ONE, HURTS 3

John Miller, 268 Eighth street, San Pedro, was killed, Mrs. Miller lost her right eye and was severely bruised, and Mrs. E. Hammond and baby, of San Pedro, were severely bruised in a triple crash of automobiles on Redondo boulevard in Lomita Monday afternoon.

The accident occurred in front of Morgan court.

A man who gave his name as H. O. Dunham of Long Beach and who professed to be driving a car owned by one J. O. Bone, swung around the corner of Narbonne and struck out into the east and west highway. The car he was driving crashed into the Ford driven by Mr. Miller and in which Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Hammond and daughter were riding.

The Miller car was forced into the pathway of a heavily loaded lumber truck driven by one Campbell of 2420 West 263rd street, Harbor City.

The truck lurched heavily into the smaller car. The terrific impact hurled the bodies of the four occupants into the street.

Campbell quickly brought the truck to a halt. He leaped from his seat to the assistance of the prostrate forms. After giving aid to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Hammond and the baby, Campbell then noticed that Miller was under the wheels of the truck—dead.

Deputy Sheriff Winger of Harbor City arrived on the scene soon after the accident.

Dunham, driver of the car that swung around the Narbonne corner, side-swiping the Miller Ford, left the scene shortly after the accident. Authorities so far have been unable to locate either Dunham or the alleged J. O. Bone in Long Beach. However, they have the license number of the car which Dunham was driving.

See New Year In At Odd Fellows' Card-Dance Party

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows has perfected plans for a big dance and card party at American Legion hall on New Year's eve.

Prizes will be awarded to the best dancing couple.

For those who do not care to dance whist will be played, with awards to the winners—and the losers.

Excellent music will be furnished for the occasion.

The affair will be a benefit event. The party promises to be attended by hundreds who wish to see the new year in.

H. McCurry was fined \$10 in Police Judge King's court for reckless driving.

WILL DELIVER MAIL HERE BY CARRIER JAN. 1ST

People Requested to Hang Out Boxes on Houses

Delivery of mail by carrier will start in Torrance on January 1.

This was the announcement made this week by Postmaster Alfred Gourdiere, who has received instructions to that effect from Washington.

In announcing the innovation in service here Postmaster Gourdiere asserts that boxes or slots must be placed on houses and stores in the city by January 1. That is required by postal regulations.

The postmaster requests residents to instruct friends, relatives and others that may write to them to address mail not by box number but by street number.

"The carriers will be new and will not be acquainted with the city at first," said Mr. Gourdiere. "Plain addressing will greatly facilitate the handling of mail and its prompt delivery."

On account of postal regulations local and rural mail will cost 2 cents per ounce or fraction of an ounce instead of 1 cent, as at present.

The institution of the carrier system in Torrance is the result of long and diligent work by the postmaster and Secretary Gadeky of the Chamber of Commerce. These two men so strongly represented the case of Torrance to government officials and the postoffice department that the new system was authorized. It is interesting to note that the carrier system has not yet been authorized for the city of Compton.

STORES GIVE XMAS IDEAS IN THIS ISSUE

Owing to the fact that only nine more shopping days remain to do your holiday shopping, we are issuing a special Christmas edition in this issue. The pages are filled with gift suggestions from our leading merchants, who wish to make your buying as simple as they can for you. It will be greatly to your interest to read every advertisement so that you cannot forget anything on your list. Most of the stores will keep open evenings next week, while others will close and only be open on Saturday and Monday nights before Christmas.

SECOND TIER WELLS GO UP ON BIG LEASE

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company (Santa Fe) has located eleven new wells, to constitute the second tier of derricks on the big Torrance lease. The new wells, which will be named Torrance 33 to Torrance 43, are on the southern and eastern edges of the big lease, several hundred feet from the offset wells on the lease borders and located about 300 feet apart. The Santa Fe will have 63 derricks in the field when these and the four new Kettler wells are rigged up.

Other new locations made during the week are as follows: George F. Getty, near Arlington and old Redondo road; Lewis D. Reider, Palm and Pennsylvania, southeast corner; U. S. Royalties, Eshelman and Acacia, Lomita; 5-O Drilling company, Fir and Cypress on old lease of the Petroleum corporation; McDonnell Drilling company, east of Narbonne, opposite Palm street, Lomita.

ANNUAL MEET OF C. OF C. TO BE ON MONDAY

The annual meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held at Legion hall next Monday night, Dec. 17, at 8 o'clock.

Ballots for the nomination of directors are now in the hands of Chamber of Commerce members. Ballots for election from among the nominees will be mailed out after Friday night. Members are requested to have their nominating ballots at the office of the chamber not later than 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Drilling For Oil On School Land Now Improbable

Members of Board of Education Hear Contentions of United Civic Organizations of Torrance

That the Torrance school property will not be drilled for oil was the tentative decision of members of the board of education Tuesday morning when they met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms here with city officials, directors of the chamber, officers of the Torrance District Realty board, Woman's club, Parent-Teacher association, and other citizens.

Three members of the board, Secretary Sheldon and Business Manager W. E. Record heard the case of the Torrance citizens and went on record against drilling on the property. The members of the board present were Mrs. Norman Macbeth, Robert Burns and F. R. Feitshens.

"You may rest assured," said Mr. Feitshens, "that if your civic bodies, as represented here, are against spoiling your city by drilling for oil on the school property, that we will not favor any such development. Of course we are only three members of a board of seven. But we can understand your viewpoint and are sure that the same arguments from the organizations you represent will be listened to with due consideration by the balance of the board."

AGREE WITH SENTIMENT
The other members of the board, the secretary and the business manager concurred in all that Mr. Feitshens said.

The meeting was the result of two things: first, an address made to the board by Lee R. Taylor, Los Angeles attorney, resident of Torrance; second, a letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce protesting the proposed drilling for oil on the school property.

After receiving the letter the three members of the board requested a meeting in Torrance. "We had been given to understand," said one of the members, "that most everybody in your city welcomed the

entrance of oil into your restricted district."

CITE CITY ORDINANCE
The attention of the members of the board was called to the existence of the Dominguez Land company's prohibitive declaration and to the prohibitive city ordinance now in effect.

Confronted with the united opposition to drilling in the city, as presented by the officers of so many civic bodies, the board members declared that they would view the proposed drilling with disfavor in the light of such united opposition.

That playgrounds and athletic facilities are planned for the local school grounds was hinted when Robert Burns announced that such contemplated projects would be included in improvements for the entire district called for by a bond issue to be proposed soon.

WILL BACK BONDS
Torrance citizens present assured the board that the voters of this city would support such a bond issue. After the meeting the Los Angeles visitors were driven to the Torrance schools and around the school property, where they voiced unanimous admiration at the excellence of the buildings in the city.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

Twelve wells received water shut-off O. K. during the week and are drilling ahead. They are: Bush Drilling company's Security No. 2 (which was cemented three times); Universal's Moore 2, 3 and 5, between Pepper and Palm streets, Lomita; Cunningham and Kyle, Palm street, Lomita; Midway Northern's Torrance No. 3, on old Redondo road; Sanita Petroleum corporation, Acacia street, Lomita; Southern California Drilling company, on Pine street, Lomita; Checat Drilling company, on Pine street; Petroleum Midway's Mitchell No. 1, Gramercy street, Torrance; Star Petroleum Co. on Palm street.

The swab was lost on Chanslor-Canfield's Torrance No. 17, on 216th street, last Thursday and the crew is still fishing.

Standard is becoming the best big wildcatter in the state. John D. is now drilling a well near Ingiewood near the corner of Mesa drive and 183rd street on the Eliza Farrell lease.

Universal's Jones No. 1, offsetting Federal's Gerner, will be cemented Saturday. The Universal well is south of the Gerner. The Gerner well was swabbed again this week after having been deepened, but it is not yet on production.

The following wells were cemented off during the week: G. B. Bush's Lomita No. 1, Cedar and Cypress streets; Belridge Oil company, Cedar and Cypress streets; Pugh-Miller, Cedar and Cypress streets; Julian's No. 1 and No. 5 (No. 1 at 3660 and No. 5, the field's southern outpost, at 3750 feet); Universal's Moore No. 6, on Palm street; Chanslor-Canfield's Torrance 24 and Torrance 25, along Arlington street.

Selby and Root's two wells along the old Redondo road, which sanded up about three weeks ago, have been drilled through and are being tested today for production. So is Superior's McLeod No. 1, in the same district.

Standard has the derrick up for Kirk No. 5, on the Kirk community lease.

U. S. Royalties company is rigging

up its new derrick on 216th street, near Superior's No. 3.

McDonald's Torrance-Lomita No. 1, on Cedar street, is being swabbed for production. Chanslor-Canfield is swabbing Torrance No. 19, which offsets Mutual Consolidated's Torrance No. 2 on Arlington street. The Santa Fe is swabbing Torrance No. 23, at Arlington and the old Redondo road.

ADD IN THE GREASE
The Union Oil company will build an eight-inch pipe line with a carrying capacity of 30,000 barrels daily to connect the Torrance field direct with the company's refinery on the waterfront at Wilmington. Rights of way have been obtained for most of the distance, and work will be started very shortly.

The California Oil World estimates that the Torrance-Lomita field will reach its peak production in February at 80,000 barrels a day. This estimate seems low to local observers, who place the peak at 75,000 barrels, to be reached next summer.

Superior is plugging back on Shedd No. 1 on Carson street and will test for production from a depth slightly below 3800 feet, in the belief that the water trouble was caused by drilling too deep. Torrance No. 10, across the street, is producing about 300 barrels a day on the pump and still shows water.

Torrance No. 8, the second producer in the closely drilled Redondo road district, is now producing only 450 barrels a day, having dropped 200 barrels during the past week. Other wells in the area have experienced proportionate decreases.

C. E. MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen, Miss Doris Beatty and Lawrence Hass were in charge of the Christian Endeavor services at the Presbyterian church in Moneta Sunday evening. The local services were led by Redondo Beach members. Moneta members led in Hermosa, Hermosa C. E. were in charge of Hawthorne services, and the Redondo services were led by Hawthorne members.